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FOLLOWING AMBASSADOR'S MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER BORGONOVO,
INFORMATION SECRETARY GONZALEZ PALOMO, AND OTHER SENIOR GOES
OFFICIALS EARLY WEDNESDAY MORNING, THE AMBASSADOR THEN MET
WITH LA PRENSA GRAFICA REPORTER AND ACAN/EFE STRINGER
TO EXPLAIN SITUATION AND REBUTT DEC 22 DIARIO DE HOY'S
SENSATIONALIST BANNERLINE STROY ON "U.S. MARINE RESCUE" OF
LOCKED-IN U.S. MANAGER AND SALVADORAN EMPLOYEES.
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AMBASSADOR THEN VISITED DIARIO DE HOY'S DEPUTY
DIRECTOR TO EXPLAIN SITUATION AND URGE PROMPT RETRACTION.
AFTERNOON TABLOID EL MUNDO WAS FIRST TO DENY U.S. MARINE
INVOLVEMENT AND, BASED UPON USIS PHONE STORY, FRONT-
PAGED ACCURATE VERSION OF EVENT.
DIARIO DE HOY FRONT-PAGED RETRACTION AND APOLOGY IN THIS MORN-

ING'S EDITION AND ALSO, ALONG WITH LEADING LA PRENSA GRAFICA,
CARRIED GENERALLY ACCURATE DEFENSE MINISTRY ACCOUNTS.
LA PRENSA GRAFICA, IN RELATED INTERIOR PAGE ITEM,
CRITICIZED DIARIO DE HOY FOR "SENSATIONALIST AND UNETHICAL"
JOURNALISM.

ACCORDING TO LOCAL NEWS MEDIA SOURCES, THIS MARKS
FIRST TIME THAT DIARIO DE HOY HAS GIVEN PROMINENT PLAY TO RE-
TRACTING AN ERRONEOUS STORY.

DUE TO DIARIO DE HOY'S EXCELLENT COOPERATION IN RETRACTING THIS
SENSATIONALIST STORY AND PAPER'S EFFORTS TO HOLD INTERNATIONAL
PLAY, MISSION IS OPTIMISTIC THAT SITUATION IS IN HAND.

BUT, WOULD APPRECIATE INFO ADDRESSEE MONITORING OF LOCAL
STORIES RELATING TO THIS MATTER.

LOCAL NEWS MEDIA COVERAGE OF PARTICIPATION BY DEFATT ALBERTO
RODRIGUEZ IN "FACTORY RESCUE" GENERALLY SUBDUED AND ACCURATE.
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